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WEEKLY UPDATE –FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

By: Pat Le Sage, Chief Operations & Financial Officer

Governor Appoints James Tilton as Permanent CDCR Secretary:

Earlier this year, the Governor appointed James Tilton as the Acting Secretary for CDCR. Tilton stated, at that time, that his tenure would be temporary while the administration conducted a nationwide search for a permanent Secretary. However, on Wednesday, September 13th the Governor handed the position to Tilton and gave him a 70% raise over his predecessor Roderick Hickman. Mr. Tilton will earn \$225,000 a year, which makes him one of the highest paid state employees. Schwarzenegger said Tilton would, “deliver cost-effective solutions to relieve the dangerous overcrowding in our state prisons, as well as prepare inmates so they do not re-offend when they return to our communities.” Tilton stated after the announcement by the Governor that he shared the Governor’s dedication to prison reform. “I look forward to working with the Governor to act immediately and ensure the safety of the public, correctional officers, and the men and women in our custody.” This position requires Senate confirmation.

Congratulations to James Tilton on his appointment as the CDCR Secretary. CCSO looks forward to working with him closely in the days ahead.

CCSO Meets with Receiver’s Office – Sr. MTA/HPC:

CCSO will meet on Friday, September 15th with Linda Buzzini, Counsel to the California Prison Health Care Receivership. The meeting will encompass, CCSO recommendations regarding Senior Medical Technical Assistants (Sr. MTA) and Health Program Coordinators (HPC). The Receiver has proposed to phase out these two positions.

We are aware this is a difficult time for Sr. MTA’s and HPC’s. It is unnerving to be informed that your classification is being phased out. I thank the many Sr. MTA’s and HPC’s who have provided CCSO input and recommendations.

Our primary goal is to maintain your peace officer status, in order to maintain the benefits associated with being a peace officer. In addition, CCSO will meet with CDCR in conjunction with the Receiver’s Office next week to cover both departments.

CCSO will also meet over regulatory, staffing, filing allocated positions, 24/7 coverage, tools, and various issues pertinent to the pharmacy staff and services. We thank CCSO member Beth Spiegel, Pharmacist D. J.D. who compiled many of the issues.

Updates from this meeting will be announced the week of September 18th.

Receiver Filed in Court – Salary Medical Increases

The Prison Health Care Receiver filed in Federal court a motion for a waiver of State law regarding salaries. The motion requests that the court order defendants (DPA) to cooperate fully with the Receiver. Secondly that the court waive the statutes and regulations to the extent necessary for the Receiver to direct the implementation, administration, and adjustment of the proposed Receiver’s salary increases.

CCSO has sent a support letter that is included in the Receiver’s exhibits supporting the proposed recommended salary increases for medical personnel. Please find the motion and exhibits on the CCSO

website, go to www.ccsonet.org and then to the News page. Click on the left side column under medical staff.

Opening of Modular Portable Structures:

CDCR (A) Secretary Tilton announced the opening of modular portable structures that will be used for:

- Classrooms for Division of Juvenile Justice correctional centers and for CDCR prisons.
- Temporary housing for incoming correctional academy cadets.
- Offices to provide medical, dental, and psychological services.
- Additional space for rehabilitation programs and services.

The Prison Industry Authority's Modular Building Enterprise ceremony was held at Folsom State Prison on September 12th. The new factory, housed in a 30,000 square foot facility, will provide rehabilitative work assignments for inmates in building modular structures that will be subsequently transported for use at various prisons and juvenile centers throughout the State.

Fair Share Memorandum:

CDCR sent a memorandum dated September 12th to all CDCR staff regarding additional positions, overtime rate and fair share. CCSO requested CDCR to inform supervisors that if they work an overtime shift, even one time a month for an officer, fair share would be taken from their paycheck. Currently Government Code §3515 mandates the Controllers Office to pull fair share. CCSO is preparing to revise Government Code §3515 to not take fair share from a permanent excluded employee that works temporarily out of class. The revision will be submitted in 2007 to the legislature.

New Members:

The State Board and Staff, welcome the new members who joined CCSO this week.

Thought for the Week:

“I just want to say this. I want to say it gently but I want to say it firmly. There is a tendency for the world to say to America, the big problems of the world are yours, you go and sort them out, and then to worry when Americans want to sort them out.” – Tony Blair

Monday, September 11th was the anniversary of a grave tragedy in American history. On September 11, 2001 our country was attacked. We remember the cries and the lives needlessly murdered even after 5 years.

Let Us Remember and Remain ever Vigilant.